

IN HONOR OF JOEL "FRANK"
TOLLER OF NAPA COUNTY, CALI-
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HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend Frank Toller, an extraordinary citizen from my hometown of St. Helena, California, who has devoted his life to public service. He is being honored today for his contributions to the community.

In 1997 Frank was elected to serve as mayor of St. Helena, California. In that same year he co-founded the law firm of Toiler & Novak LLP. He served as mayor until 1999, when he then moved to the position of Vice Mayor. He served as Vice Mayor until 2003.

Frank has been involved in other community activities as well, including spending 15 years as a Little League coach. Between 1980–1991 he was a St. Helena Unified School District Trustee, serving twice as board chair. He is also a member of the Community Foundation of the Napa Valley and a Rotary Foundation board member. In June 2004, he organized the Maria project which provides financial assistance to a deserving female Hispanic student who wishes to attend the Engineering program at UC Davis.

A highly regarded member of the Napa Valley community, Frank Toller was born in Waseca, Minnesota. Frank Toller received his B.A. in Political Science from the University of San Francisco in 1961. In 1968 he graduated from USF law school. He is a loving father to two children, Joel and Chelsea. He is an outdoor enthusiast who loves fishing and hiking.

The St. Helena Chamber of Commerce is recognizing Frank Toller for his outstanding contributions to the community, at the 2004 Citizen of the Year dinner on Saturday, August 21, 2004.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, Frank Toller is a dedicated public servant who has made many great contributions to our community. It is appropriate that we honor him today.

A SALUTE TO ANDY BEY

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, as Dean of the Congressional Black Caucus, and Chairman of the Jazz Forum and Concert, which occurs during our Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference, I rise today to salute the lifetime achievements of one of the most distinguished artists in American music history, Andy Bey. Earlier this year, Bey was named the Jazz Journalist Association's 2004 Male Vocalist of the year.

The following biography, found on Bey's own web page, chronicles a career of accomplishment deserving of such high recognition, and of this body's thoughtful attention and respect:

Born in 1939, the Newark, NJ native was a genuine child prodigy as a pianist and singer, garnering appearances at the famed Apollo

Theater and on television's Spotlight On Harlem and The Star Time Kids, sharing stages with the likes of Louis Jordan, Sarah Vaughan and Dinah Washington, before he turned 18. He then formed a vocal trio alongside his sisters Salome and Geraldine and embarked for Europe; Andy & The Bey Sisters were celebrated regulars at The Blue Note in Paris and other venues in Europe from the late 1950s into the early 1960s, when they returned to the U.S. and continued to perform and record (for RCA and Prestige) until the trio disbanded in 1966.

For the two decades thereafter, Bey recorded and performed with such notables as McCoy Tyner, Lonnie Liston Smith, Thad Jones/Mel Lewis, Eddie Harris and others. He was featured vocalist on Gary Bartz's acclaimed Harlem Bush Music projects and for an extended period with Horace Silver, including Silver's The United States of Mind album sequence. In 1991, Bey returned to Europe to teach vocal instruction in Austria; he remained there until 1993, when he returned to the States to record his "comeback album," accompanied only by his own piano, called Ballads, Blues & Bey.

One of the great unsung heroes of jazz singing, Andy Bey is a commanding interpreter of lyrics who has a wide vocal range and a big, rich, full voice. Bey enjoys a following that swears by him; nonetheless, he isn't nearly as well known as he should be.

The release of Ballads, Blues & Bey in 1996, and his subsequent Shades of Bey, recorded with Bartz, Victor Lewis, Peter Washington and other jazz notables and released in 1998, heralded Bey's "renaissance" in the business he's been in for nearly five decades. Which leaves Bey somewhat bemused: "I never went away, actually. I don't know about this renaissance. " It's . . . well, it's new in a sense, but it's not like I left the business."

Bey has continued to make his presence felt in the jazz arena with the release of Tuesday's in Chinatown in 2001, and his latest outing earlier this year on Savoy entitled American Song.

**IN HONOR OF AGNES
FRONCKOWIAK**

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Agnes Fronckowiak of Slavic Village, as she gathers with family and friends to commemorate her September 4th birthday, 90 years young, and as lively as ever.

With family central to her life, Mrs. Fronckowiak and her late husband, Casimir, raised 4 children, and taught them the significance of family, faith and giving back to the community. Today, these close family ties continue on with each new generation, as Mrs. Fronckowiak is blessed with grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Beyond caring for her family, Mrs. Fronckowiak has been an involved member of the community, and continues to dedicate her time and talents in service to others, efforts which are reflected throughout Slavic Village. She was a long-time member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parent Teacher Union and held the position of President of the St. Stan's Golden Agers for nearly 25 years. As an active member of the Golden Agers, Mrs. Fronckowiak plans and organizes senior trips and events. Her energy, agility and joy for liv-

ing serve as a significant example that life's possibilities and joys abound for each of us, regardless of our age.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor of Mrs. Agnes Fronckowiak, as we gather together to celebrate her 90th birthday. Mrs. Fronckowiak continues to be an inspiration to everyone in her life—especially to her family and friends. Her loyalty, friendship, convictions, boundless energy, and good works are invaluable gifts that she gives freely, and her dedication has uplifted the neighborhoods, churches and schools of Slavic Village. We wish her many blessings of continued health and happiness today, and all days to follow.

IN HONOR OF EDWARD B. PULVER

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Edward B. Pulver for his outstanding and tireless commitment to the people of Hudson County and his dedication to the trade unions. Mr. Pulver will be memorialized on Thursday, September 9, 2004 by the City of Jersey City, New Jersey as they unveil 'Edward B. Pulver Way' in a ceremony at the corner of Washington and Dudley Streets in Jersey City, New Jersey.

A native of Jersey City, who lived in Bayonne for 35 years, Mr. Pulver was a voice for working men and women for more than five decades. He began sailing on railroad tugs in the New York/New Jersey harbor in the late 1940s, and became active in the Seafarers International Union (SIU) when the fleet he helped to organize chose to affiliate with the organization's Inland Boatman's Union. In 1990, Mr. Pulver became the vice president of the Seafarers International Union of North America, while simultaneously heading the SIU's office in Jersey City. Additionally, Mr. Pulver was the president and a founding member of the Hudson County Central Labor Council, and served on the state AFL-CIO executive board as Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Pulver founded many organizations and belonged to numerous community and civic groups, including the National Executive Board of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement and the Hudson County (N.J.) Economic Development Corporation. He served as president of the Hudson County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for 16 years. Additionally, he served on the board of directors for the Hudson County School of Technology, as well as for Saint Francis Hospital and Christ Hospital.

Considered a godfather to the Filipino community, Mr. Pulver was a member of the Order of the Knights of Rizal, raised funds for several Filipino organizations, and brought thousands of Filipino-Americans to an annual three-day conference in Piney Point, Maryland at his personal expense for almost a decade. He also served as executive vice president of the Filipino and Americans As One organization, was the cofounder of the Philippine American Friendship Committee (PAFCOM), and was instrumental in organizing the first Philippine American Friendship parade. He also served as the first Grand Marshall of PAFCOM.